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## *ACE highlights campus sustainability; Faculty Student Research Forum presents activities, collaboration*



On Friday, May 8, the third-annual President's Annual Celebration of Excellence featured presentations from the campus community showcasing sustainable practices, research, and ideas. The following day, faculty and students filled the Broome Library with posters detailing their research, scholarship, creative activities and grants at the Inaugural Faculty Student Research Forum. More event photos can be found on page five.

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## CI's Brian Pichette receives 2009 Ventura County 911 "Dispatcher of the Year" Award

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On Saturday, May 2 Channel Islands Police Dispatcher Brian Pichette was recognized as "Dispatcher of the Year" at this year's Ventura County 911 Dispatcher Appreciation Banquet.

Held at the Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura, the annual banquet provides an opportunity for the Ventura County public safety community to honor its unsung heroes. Day and night 911 Dispatchers work diligently to coordinate the delivery of vital public safety services throughout the County, but with little recognition or fanfare.

Brian, a true professional, is dedicated to providing quality services to the campus community and he is very deserving of this recognition. Congratulations Brian!



## Commencement Ceremony to be held May 16

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The seventh Commencement ceremony will be held Saturday, May 16 in the South Quad of the University campus. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The University has identified 676 students that have signed up for participation in this year's Commencement ceremony, including those earning their undergraduate and graduate degrees as well as those earning teaching credentials. CSUCI anticipates an audience of close to 8,000 who will attend the Commencement ceremony.

Keynote remarks will be made by CSU Trustees A. Robert Linscheid and Lou Monville, University President Richard R. Rush, and graduating Student Government President Alexandra Mitchell. Alumna Kristi Adame, Class of 2007, will sing the national anthem and the ceremony will conclude with the singing of the Alma Mater led by graduating senior Andrew Antone.

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## OPC lists efforts to integrate sustainability practices

The Operations, Planning, and Construction Department (OPC) has been busy in its efforts to minimize CSUCI's impact on the environment by integrating sustainability into its planning, design, construction and operational practices. However, sometimes communication of these activities doesn't keep up with the pace of their implementation, and so it is in that spirit that we share with you recent energy and economic savings.

For example, the chillers in drinking fountains have been turned off, the old gymnasium lights have been replaced with new, more efficient lamps, and building thermostats have been re-programmed to maintain temperatures between 68 and 78 degrees (in compliance with Chancellor Executive Order 987). These measures are already reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions and saving utility costs. Over the summer and next fall OPC plans to achieve the following energy savings measures:



- Campus computers will be programmed to automatically shut down, with the first phase starting with the computer labs.
- The use of space heaters and small refrigerators will be either eliminated or limited.
- Landscaping along Santa Barbara Avenue, Ventura Avenue, and in North Quad, South Quad and Central Mall will be irrigated with reclaimed water.
- Energy-efficient light bulbs, occupancy sensors and day-light sensors will be installed in most existing buildings, as well as efficient exterior lighting and street fixtures.
- Upgrades to Aliso Hall HVAC system will reduce energy consumption.
- In addition, OPC has developed design standards for new buildings that incorporate sustainable strategies, using recycled materials and rapidly renewable resources, and energy efficient heating, cooling and lighting systems. Planning will allow for flexibility to accommodate future uses, all in an effort to decrease the campus' impact on the local, regional and global environment.
- A sustainability Web site is slated to be completed by the beginning of the fall semester. You will find relevant sustainability articles, updates on CSUCI's continuing and new practices, important links to resources, and events. As we continue to nurture our sustainability program, the Web site will contain links to green course listings, community connections, student and research activities, and more will be added.

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## Faculty Student Research Forum recognizes faculty research and scholarly projects

The inaugural Faculty Student Research Forum sponsored by SAGE Publications and the Division of Academic Affairs, was held Saturday, May 9, showcasing research, scholarship, creative activities, and grants using faculty-student collaborative presentations, faculty research presentations, and student research/capstone presentations.

The forum was designed in response to the University's need to strengthen research activities as part of its academic foundation and to increase the number of faculty and student research activities through inspiring creativity and innovation as well as encouraging community partnerships that will enhance research projects through resources, information, and education. This is accomplished by recognizing, encouraging, and promoting student and faculty research and scholarly projects – activities which are integral to the University mission and student learning.

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## President Council Approves Policies

The following administrative policies have been approved by the President following recommendation from the President's Council.

SA.07.009 Policy on Posting of Signage and Materials in Internal Spaces within the Campus Community (Supersedes SA.07.007) SA.16.004 Policy on Commencement Participation (Supersedes SA.16.002)

Policies may be found on the Administrative Policy Web site at <http://policy.csuci.edu/>. Please direct questions regarding specific policies to the individual or area listed in the accountability section of each policy.

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